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Meeting between [redacted] and Cyrus Vance 10 Aug 1966 - HS expressed on behalf of the DCI the growing concern felt at the increasing size of black budget and fear that this might prejudice the funding of important classified projects within CIA, NRO and other DOD elements. Concern has also been expressed by Congressional Committee Chairmen including Senators Russell and Mahon.

Mr. Vance agreed to launch an investigation with the purpose of keeping the black budget within reasonable bounds and identification eventually of items which could be shifted from black to white budget.

OSD REVIEW COMPLETED

NRO review(s) completed.

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As result of a new NRO agreement executed on 11 August 1965 and agreements reached at the April 1966 Executive Committee meeting of the NRP, specific assignments have been made to CIA to implement and/or conduct certain major Overhead Reconnaissance Programs. These programs and their attendant responsibilities are briefly as follows:

CORONA - Responsibility for the total payload and the contracting and technical direction associated with obtaining the cameras, recovery vehicles, payload housing and structure and the functional activities of assembly, test, integration, check-out and certification of the payload for launch.

In addition, CIA has been delegated the responsibility for mission planning, on-orbit camera operations, on-orbit diagnostics of payload, and post-mission analysis and evaluation.

Further CIA has been assigned the task for the improvements to the CORONA payload system including the development of an improved camera system.

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General Research and Development - CIA has been assigned areas of responsibility for the development of new techniques in optical material fabrication and optical measurements, development of image quality improvements and evaluation techniques. In addition, studies and development work is being conducted on components associated with the development of an electronic read-out photographic satellite system.



The organizational arrangements for headquarters and field direction of the above programs are shown on the attached Table of Organization Charts.

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